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INDUSTRIAL WAGES, WAGE-EARNERS, EMPLOYERS, BY COUNTIES IN FISCAL 1953

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Relate Benefit to Wage

Amount of unemployment compensation benefits as a percentage of gross wage payments in covered employment in each Montana county during fiscal 1953 produces the following order of listing.

	Unemployment Benefits	Benefit to Wage Total %
1. Lake	$ 111,911	4.78
2. Sanders	70,767	2.98
3. Golden Valley	1,201	2.64
4. Carbon	43,912	2.38
5. Flathead	393,089	2.16
6. Ravalli	50,627	2.08
7. Musselshell	47,663	1.84
8. Madison	11,788	1.66
9. Jefferson	10,343	1.60
10. Broadwater	9,870	1.44
11. Phillips	15,365	1.37
12. Fallon	6,284	1.34
13. Carter	4,215	1.34
14. Petroleum	1,083	1.33
15. Mineral	18,910	1.24
16. Wibaux	3,763	1.22
17. Park	46,269	1.18
18. Richland	35,351	1.17
19. Big Horn	18,449	1.14
20. Granite	9,852	1.10
21. Wheatland	4,977	1.08
22. Glacier	42,378	1.07
23. Sweet Grass	4,841	1.00
24. Judith Basin	2,308	.90
25. Fergus	42,498	.89
26. Beaverhead	15,379	.88
27. Stillwater	7,889	.87
28. Blaine	12,520	.84
29. Roosevelt	22,427	.84
30. Valley	23,414	.81
31. Prairie	2,737	.81
32. Chouteau	7,319	.72
33. Missoula	152,491	.67
34. Meagher	2,303	.65
35. Teton	10,516	.61
36. Rosebud	7,726	.57
37. Lewis and Clark	111,911	.55
38. Sheridan	7,403	.54
39. Lincoln	41,373	.52
40. Powder River	1,052	.52
41. Powell	11,458	.52
42. Cascade	207,971	.47
43. McCone	2,832	.44
44. Pondera	8,863	.41
45. Toole	13,220	.41
46. Custer	25,546	.41
47. Gallatin	28,467	.37
48. Hill	17,267	.37
49. Dawson	16,062	.31
50. Silver Bow	159,437	.28
51. Yellowstone	131,981	.27
52. Daniels	1,857	.23
53. Garfield	283	.19
54. Deer Lodge	19,863	.11
55. Treasure	578	.11
56. Liberty	570	.07
State, including 'statewide' and 'interstate'	$2,291,064	.63

More Workers Earn More Montana Industry Wages

Industrial payroll dollars in Montana have increased more than one hundred percent since 1946, while number of workers expanded by twenty-seven percent. These figures include only the wages and workers in covered employment—in employ of firms or individuals subject to the state unemployment compensation tax—and are presented in this report as compiled from official listing by employers with the commission. The wage total in 1946 was $173,000,000 and in 1953 it passed $362,000,000. Number of workers rose from 83,189 to 105,838.

Construction Shrinks Slightly

As compared with the previous year, fiscal 1952, the tabulation shows a seven percent gain in payroll total this year, $338,000,000 to $362,000000; and nearly three percent increase in number of workers, 102,926 to 105,838. Every industry aside from construction showed a plurality and the decline in contract construction represents the return of that activity to more normal levels after the post-war peak which included two huge government dams and many industrial plant expansions, as well as a heavy residential and commercial building program.

Figures for 1946 Doubled

Returning to comparison with 1946 figures, every industry shows about double its dollar volume of wages at that time, with construction stretching its margin to triple. Wage scale advances played a significant role in producing the expansion of wage totals, as the number of workers increased in more moderate proportions.

Mining Average Wage High

Examination of the state totals of wages and workers, on the reverse side of this folder, provides the basis for an approximation of average wage rates in the major industrial classifications. Mining leads with an average of $4,674, probably aided by the year-round nature of employment in that field. Construction ranks second, its $4,309 average being somewhat curtailed because of seasonal and other layoff periods. Manufacturing takes a solid third with $4,084; followed by transportation, $3,581; finance industries, $2,997; wholesale and retail trade, $2,950; and service industries, $2,330.

County Breakdown Shown

Industrial and commercial economy of each county in the state is discernible in the county breakdown of 1953 records of employment and wages. The distribution of industrial employment is influenced, of course, by the distribution of natural resources, and by the extent to which they are being utilized.

County Wage Averages

Average covered employment wage in Montana counties presents a challenging economic view. The average is derived from gross wages reported and number of employees on covered payrolls. The figures by county for fiscal 1953 and 1952 follow:

County	Average Wage 1953	1952
1. Deer Lodge	$4,245	$4,013
2. Silver Bow	3,949	3,770
3. Treasure	3,941	2,914
4. Lincoln	3,940	3,728
5. Liberty	3,863	2,597
6. Mineral	3,768	3,272
7. Cascade	3,579	3,450
8. Yellowstone	3,557	3,299
9. Lewis and Clark	3,493	3,289
10. Flathead	3,492	3,775
11. Pondera	3,383	3,287
12. Missoula	3,271	3,148
13. Dawson	3,266	2,740
14. Sanders	3,219	3,682
15. McCone	3,178	2,676
16. Musselshell	3,169	3,135
17. Glacier	3,125	2,770
18. Teton	3,121	2,763
19. Powell	3,105	2,917
20. Rosebud	3,060	2,863
21. Custer	3,011	2,777
22. Stillwater	3,006	2,400
23. Broadwater	2,907	2,886
24. Granite	2,898	2,707
25. Roosevelt	2,897	2,581
26. Blaine	2,890	2,800
27. Hill	2,859	2,749
28. Gallatin	2,850	2,667
29. Carbon	2,843	2,704
30. Toole	2,834	2,745
31. Chouteau	2,833	2,636
32. Fergus	2,819	2,724
33. Big Horn	2,797	2,590
34. Richland	2,795	2,592
35. Daniels	2,770	2,663
36. Ravalli	2,755	2,537
37. Lake	2,755	2,543
38. Valley	2,731	2,614
39. Sheridan	2,683	2,469
40. Beaverhead	2,673	2,568
41. Park	2,655	2,538
42. Wibaux	2,642	2,452
43. Judith Basin	2,522	2,454
44. Carter	2,497	1,982
45. Madison	2,443	2,225
46. Phillips	2,438	2,246
47. Jefferson	2,417	2,329
48. Golden Valley	2,391	2,359
49. Prairie	2,353	2,124
50. Meagher	2,300	2,376
51. Fallon	2,265	2,154
52. Petroleum	2,254	2,505
53. Powder River	2,248	2,276
54. Sweet Grass	2,213	2,101
55. Garfield	2,178	2,083
56. Wheatland	2,088	1,900
Statewide Industry	3,479	3,360
State Average	3,427	3,287

NUMBERS OF EMPLOYERS, WAGE-EARNERS, TOTAL OF WAGES, IN MOT

COUNTY	COUNTY TOTALS			MINING			CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION			MANUFACU	
	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners
Beaverhead	189	657	$ 1,756,247	7	33	$ 114,274	18	43	$ 133,599	13	28
Big Horn	157	580	1,622,315	5	19	122,489	12	36	127,270	4	83
Blaine	135	516	1,491,234	5	26	110,587	15	69	252,961	5	37
Broadwater	57	236	685,941	4	10	33,367	7	56	263,548	4	9
Carbon	188	649	1,845,353	12	201	936,903	15	20	42,009	10	57
Carter	40	126	314,630	2	5	25,108	3	22	82,936	4	8
Cascade	1,352	12,337	44,158,428	20	50	166,189	179	1,419	6,080,139	50	2,795
Chouteau	114	361	1,002,803	....	....	....	8	15	53,372	3	9
Custer	338	2,078	6,257,845	6	21	75,335	41	251	991,153	13	114
Daniels	87	288	797,974	....	....	....	6	20	67,011	3	4
Dawson	237	1,571	5,131,004	24	206	986,445	26	237	983,824	7	38
Deer Lodge	257	4,279	18,164,854	4	1,043	4,921,097	20	133	523,987	13	2,233
Fallon	74	207	468,944	1	5	21,631	6	7	21,646	3	6
Fergus	335	1,689	4,760,465	12	50	224,341	38	103	346,418	13	291
Flathead	898	5,209	18,189,532	7	8	21,575	86	1,073	5,027,721	144	1,444
Gallatin	572	2,665	7,595,809	2	5	8,160	53	218	784,179	36	526
Garfield	27	67	145,900	....	....	....	2	2	4,939	1	2
Glacier	274	1,272	3,974,581	62	370	1,509,046	20	102	338,262	4	20
Golden Valley	14	19	45,429	....	....	....	2	4	17,184	....	....
Granite	102	309	895,539	21	129	528,071	6	13	39,398	13	32
Hill	317	1,646	4,706,036	....	....	....	38	183	681,767	11	114
Jefferson	96	267	645,464	19	56	186,300	5	7	14,790	6	27
Judith Basin	42	102	257,255	1	1	9,867	3	3	10,825	2	4
Lake	254	850	2,341,507	1	1	1,930	21	53	148,230	33	289
Lewis and Clark	693	4,893	17,092,749	11	68	268,782	72	894	4,653,084	42	987
Liberty	47	202	780,505	2	5	19,317	5	99	498,393	1	3
Lincoln	250	2,014	7,936,203	4	132	647,654	18	45	157,412	81	1,347
Madison	130	290	708,555	16	56	217,854	10	10	27,615	5	7
McCone	55	204	648,360	1	34	196,574	7	15	39,934	1	1
Meagher	64	153	351,859	2	1	1,599	6	20	62,824	18	46
Mineral	59	406	1,529,916	8	25	92,783	8	103	428,833	9	193
Missoula	878	6,991	22,867,721	6	19	69,545	115	626	2,780,430	74	2,154
Musselshell	129	816	2,586,110	15	357	1,425,723	8	11	31,615	8	19
Park	337	1,478	3,924,767	5	17	70,541	30	147	574,022	16	110
Petroleum	17	36	81,155	1	2	5,751	4	3	11,900	....	...
Phillips	132	459	1,118,868	2	16	78,738	10	16	35,825	3	14
Pondera	159	633	2,141,549	11	97	472,081	15	47	147,301	2	7
Powder River	48	90	202,292	1	1	2,287	9	13	39,673	4	4
Powell	143	714	2,216,761	9	243	1,079,887	12	37	135,650	12	59
Prairie	43	143	336,459	1	7	31,731	2	6	17,330	1	3
Ravalli	237	884	2,435,221	3	4	16,395	17	84	235,983	26	281
Richland	227	1,085	3,032,647	5	23	111,926	35	104	343,653	6	119
Roosevelt	263	923	2,673,500	9	43	205,132	29	78	279,997	8	19
Rosebud	109	443	1,355,670	5	105	589,579	8	25	71,547	6	19
Sanders	146	737	2,372,962	2	1	1,473	15	61	289,807	31	385
Sheridan	151	512	1,373,937	5	34	132,300	6	30	87,428	3	3
Silver Bow	1,131	14,615	57,719,144	16	6,656	31,857,831	72	564	2,557,137	45	1,06
Stillwater	107	300	901,937	5	31	187,260	9	55	217,428	7	1
Sweet Grass	79	219	484,750	1	10	44,727	6	6	14,819	3	
Teton	170	554	1,729,253	6	98	537,393	24	64	219,381	7	1
Toole	296	1,127	3,194,324	91	285	934,710	22	58	169,224	5	7
Treasure	16	137	539,958	1	75	369,952	1	13	47,678	...	...
Valley	225	1,063	2,902,966	2	5	13,042	29	160	576,837	5	2
Wheatland	73	220	459,428	1	16	68,268	3	4	8,937	1	
Wibaux	31	117	309,137	....	....	....	2	19	77,182	1	
Yellowstone	1,695	13,872	49,345,974	46	594	2,936,808	251	1,643	6,853,642	76	2,39
Statewide (2)	184	11,528	40,106,779	9	107	617,835	44	564	3,123,846	7	61
Fiscal 1953	14,480	105,838	$362,736,555	517	11,406	$53,308,193	1,534	9,713	$ 41,853,535	909	18,18
Fiscal 1952	14,173	102,926	$338,290,645	474	10,562	$ 46,941,121	1,429	10,238	$ 44,776,430	907	17,83
Fiscal 1950	14,100	98,769	$271,825,306	463	9,483	$ 31,502,931	1,350	9,628	$ 32,911,145	930	17,98
Calendar 1946	9,984	83,189	$173,056,776	402	8,886	$ 25,401,860	652	5,834	$ 13,557,621	651	16,15

(1) See "Subdivisions of Major Industrial Groups" on another page of this folder. "Miscellaneous" industrial group includes farm services, forestry, and employment in businesses not elsewhere classified. It is here combined with "Service Industries" because of space limitations.

TANA'S MAJOR COVERED INDUSTRIES BY COUNTIES, FISCAL YEAR 1953

URING		TRANSP., COMMUN., PUBLIC UTILITIES			WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE			FINANCE, INSURANCE REAL ESTATE			SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND MISC. (1)		
WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES
$ 72,467	4	11	$ 24,702	98	387	$ 1,026,777	10	30	$ 104,554	39	125	$ 279,874
276,035	4	9	27,378	90	331	794,565	10	36	129,828	32	66	144,750
135,364	7	30	82,115	70	257	687,825	8	38	119,737	25	59	102,645
25,898	1	1	75	27	105	249,456	1	6	20,078	13	49	93,519
129,286	7	18	34,414	103	247	491,887	8	20	76,511	33	86	134,343
11,144	3	11	31,462	19	48	93,228	2	7	21,645	7	25	49,107
12,140,328	42	499	1,763,966	579	4,908	16,825,008	135	875	2,823,588	347	1,791	4,359,210
25,731	4	12	28,920	71	249	726,498	7	25	64,430	21	51	123,852
384,144	15	161	682,161	144	974	2,702,418	14	66	235,830	105	491	1,186,804
10,579	3	8	23,296	51	176	474,309	5	19	75,685	19	61	147,094
123,877	10	65	209,849	103	600	1,710,246	9	49	134,506	58	376	982,257
10,538,716	13	56	228,575	139	527	1,380,308	18	57	133,207	50	230	438,964
15,825	4	4	5,041	42	124	275,003	4	25	68,782	14	36	61,016
1,016,819	7	79	250,382	158	685	1,937,879	29	142	248,556	78	339	736,070
5,515,028	23	315	1,102,747	356	1,556	4,604,310	50	170	452,822	232	643	1,465,329
1,876,527	21	66	176,083	258	1,176	3,256,955	36	147	368,920	166	527	1,124,985
7,655	1	1	280	12	30	54,008	2	3	5,313	9	29	73,705
67,826	14	109	392,771	112	411	1,093,889	8	32	95,172	54	228	477,665
....	2	2	3,162	9	11	20,020	....	....	....	1	2	5,063
87,773	2	3	7,205	42	86	155,863	2	7	19,889	16	39	57,340
387,159	12	102	312,025	166	894	2,550,464	19	80	237,409	71	273	537,212
64,571	6	34	111,162	39	79	156,247	2	8	28,245	19	56	84,149
7,142	1	1	392	30	77	186,336	2	8	32,930	3	8	9,763
1,108,958	10	20	27,906	128	338	731,610	15	39	99,206	46	110	223,667
3,933,503	17	100	279,248	292	1,439	4,131,473	73	609	1,852,395	186	796	1,974,264
6,678	2	4	8,044	24	61	159,407	3	6	16,166	10	24	72,500
5,947,997	11	55	151,892	88	326	790,363	7	15	39,056	41	94	201,829
20,398	6	11	19,693	62	128	278,843	3	11	34,891	28	67	109,261
2,830	3	31	107,579	29	62	128,504	2	6	21,237	12	55	151,702
92,519	2	8	28,026	23	47	100,419	2	8	21,901	11	23	44,571
857,537	1	1	230	24	62	102,701	....	....	....	9	22	47,832
8,335,471	28	196	626,970	362	2,530	7,521,473	50	225	578,290	243	1,241	2,955,542
45,249	6	20	66,332	63	204	468,559	6	18	64,427	23	187	484,205
397,462	11	47	150,216	170	685	1,679,334	19	67	171,625	86	399	881,567
....	2	3	1,261	6	10	15,551	....	....	....	4	18	46,692
42,617	3	7	19,919	78	269	669,475	8	25	56,141	28	112	216,153
26,969	2	6	14,654	92	359	1,155,941	9	54	170,162	28	63	154,441
7,667	4	8	21,386	19	46	94,147	3	10	26,221	8	8	10,911
177,075	4	18	65,483	65	228	530,971	12	37	72,622	29	92	155,073
7,871	1	3	3,308	29	88	184,417	2	10	35,643	7	26	56,159
997,910	10	28	70,152	122	332	784,236	12	48	158,852	47	107	171,693
454,082	8	25	80,217	109	541	1,445,201	13	52	169,401	51	221	428,167
63,776	12	35	104,683	135	477	1,337,755	11	52	166,160	59	219	515,997
37,546	5	26	68,446	51	149	310,537	7	25	64,868	27	94	213,147
1,538,799	3	2	2,193	59	176	316,915	8	36	91,632	28	76	132,143
70,145	8	32	119,092	93	292	736,900	8	21	75,272	28	70	152,800
4,505,950	27	304	1,074,005	587	3,972	12,308,050	85	539	1,677,312	299	1,518	3,739,859
24,522	4	21	65,554	53	103	244,225	3	17	50,803	26	59	112,145
7,927	7	27	70,109	47	130	266,153	4	17	35,883	11	25	45,132
38,815	7	47	120,981	86	235	610,379	8	22	74,013	32	74	128,291
324,847	13	61	185,863	107	389	986,572	6	29	95,352	52	235	497,756
....	2	10	24,076	10	33	80,098	1	3	10,170	1	3	7,984
82,494	8	67	175,428	120	537	1,418,902	11	48	147,890	50	219	488,373
10,747	2	7	9,886	45	136	241,302	4	14	45,358	17	38	74,930
3,240	1	8	27,128	22	70	163,565	3	12	30,415	2	5	7,607
9,666,625	55	974	3,813,312	707	5,370	18,098,483	155	746	2,340,601	405	2,152	5,636,503
2,515,085	11	5,025	18,525,207	78	4,860	14,463,191	6	16	53,061	29	346	808,554
$ 74,273,205	502	8,834	$ 31,626,642	6,703	38.622	$114,009.151	940	4,687	$ 14,044,663	3,375	14,388	$ 33,621,166
$ 67,880,312	501	8,534	$ 29,065,838	6,629	37,591	$106,716,286	912	4,385	$ 12,495,763	3,320	13,787	$ 30,415,095
$ 55,307,256	512	7,626	$ 22,747,787	6,450	36,399	$ 92,195,481	823	3,804	$ 9,745,316	3,572	13,842	$ 27,415,390
$ 37,956,981	361	6,446	$ 15,073,888	4,932	31,876	$ 58,886,233	707	3,205	$ 6,322,973	2,279	10,785	$ 15,857,190

(2) Statewide employers are those whose operations are not ascribed to an individual county. This includes firms with units or operations organized on a multi-county pattern and reporting as a single enterprise. Also included are some employers whose base operations shift from one location to another, such as construction contractors. Wages and employment of such concerns represent approximately 11 percent of the state total. In a factual sense this category affects the employment economy of all Montana counties, proportionately to such factors as their population, commercial and industrial pattern, utilities represented, and volume of construction.

Location of Offices of Montana State Employment Service

Office	Address	Office	Address
Anaconda	117 Main Street	Helena	515 North Main Street
Billings	2909 Montana Avenue	Kalispell	126 First Avenue East
Bozeman	28 South Black Avenue	Lewistown	215 Third Avenue North
Butte	30 West Granite Street	Livingston	123 East Callendar
Cut Bank	Wilkins Block	Miles City	507 Main Street
Dillon	28 Center Street	Missoula	230 West Pine
Glasgow	209 Fifth Street South	Polson	8 Third Avenue West
Glendive	City Hall Building	Shelby	110 Division Street
Great Falls	1201 Central Avenue	Sidney	116 South Central Avenue
Hamilton	333 Main Street	Wolf Point	107 Third Avenue South
Havre	431 First Street		

Subdivisions of Major Industrial Groups

Major industries as presented in this compilation are classified in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification Manual. Subdivisions of the major groups operating in Montana and subject to Montana laws on unemployment insurance are listed below.

Mining—
- Metal Mining
- Coal Mining
- Petroleum and Gas Production
- Nonmetallic Mining, Quarrying

Contract Construction—
- Building
- Other Than Building
- Special Trade

Manufacturing—
- Durable
  - Ordnance and Accessories
  - Lumber and Wood, Primary
  - Furniture and Fixtures
  - Stone, Clay, Glass, Etc.
  - Primary Metals Industries
  - Fabricated Metal Products
  - Machinery
  - Transportation Equipment
  - Scientific Instruments
  - Misc. Mfg. Industries
- Non-Durable
  - Food and Kindred Products
  - Textile Mill Products
  - Apparel, from Fabrics
  - Printing and Publishing
  - Chemicals
  - Petroleum, Coal Products
  - Leather and Products

Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities—
- Local Railways, Bus Lines
- Trucking and Warehousing
- Other Transportation
- Communication, Wire and Other
- Utilities, Electric and Gas
- Other Service Utilities

Wholesale and Retail Trade—
- Wholesale
  - Full-service Wholesalers
  - Other Wholesale Distributors
  - Wholesale and Retail (Combinations)
- Retail
  - General Merchandise
  - Food and Liquor Stores
  - Automotive
  - Apparel and Accessories
  - Retail Trade not elsewhere classified
  - Eating and Drinking Places
  - Filling Stations

Finance, Insurance, Real Estate—
- Banks and Trusts
- Security Dealers, Investments
- Finance Agencies, not elsewhere classified
- Insurance Carriers
- Insurance Agents
- Real Estate, Loans, Etc.
- Holding Companies (except real estate)

Service Industries—
- Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps
- Personal Services
- Non-personal Services
- Trade Schools, Etc.
- Auto Repair and Garages
- Hand Repair Trades
- Motion Pictures
- Amusement, Recreation
- Medical and Health
- Law Offices
- Educational Institutions
- Professional and Social
- Non-profit Membership Organizations

Miscellaneous—
- Farm Services
- Forestry
- Not Elsewhere Classified

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